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(Ireland.)

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To repeal several Acts of the Parliament of Ireland imposing Restrictions upon the Coal Trade, and to regulate the same.

[Note.—The Words printed in *Italics* are proposed to be inserted in the Committee.]

WHEREAS by certain Acts of the Parliament of Ireland, Provisions were made subjecting the Trade in Coals, in the Cities of Dublin and Cork, to divers Restrictions; but the same having been found inconvenient in practice, several Statutes have been from time to time made, suspending or controlling the operation of such Provisions: AND whereas it is expedient that such Restrictions should be altogether removed, and that the said Trade in Coals should be freed from all unnecessary Restrictions and vexatious Impediments; BE it therefore Enacted, by The KING's most Excellent MAJESTY, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, THAT from and after *the passing of this Act*, the several Acts and parts of Acts, passed in the Parliament of Ireland, hereinafter mentioned, shall, except as hereinafter excepted and provided for, cease and determine, and be repealed (that is to say) So much of an Act passed in the Fourth year of the reign of Queen ANNE, intituled, "An Act "to regulate the taking and exacting of Tolls throughout this Kingdom, "and to prevent the engrossing of Coals in the City of Dublin," as in any way relates to Coals; an Act passed in the Sixth year of the reign of

Preamble.

4 Anne, c. 6.

6 G. 1. c. 2.

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of King GEORGE the First, intituled, " An Act for the more effectual " preventing the engrossing and regrating of Coals in this Kingdom ;"
1 G. 2. c. 21. an Act passed in the First year of the reign of King GEORGE the Second, intituled, " An Act for preventing Combinations to enhance " the Prices, and for avoiding Exactions and Abuses formerly practised " in the Sale and Measure of Coals;" an Act passed in the Thirty-
31 G. 2. c. 15. first year of the reign of King GEORGE the Second, intituled, " An Act " to prevent unlawful Combinations to raise the Price of Coals in the " City of Dublin;" an Act passed in the First year of the reign of
1 G. 3. c. 10. King GEORGE the Third, intituled, " An Act to prevent the excessive " Price of Coals in the City of Dublin;" so much of an Act, passed in the Third year of the reign of King GEORGE the Third, intituled,
3 G. 3. c. 17. " An Act for continuing and amending certain Statutes heretofore " made for the better Regulation of the City of Cork, and for en- " larging the Salary of the Treasurer, and for the better regulating the " Sale of Coals in the said City, and for other purposes," as in any way relates to the Coal Trade of the said City of Cork; an Act passed in the Third year of the reign of King GEORGE the Third, intituled,
3 G. 3. c. 27. " An Act to continue and amend an Act to prevent the exces- " sive Price of Coals in the City of Dublin," and an Act passed in the Thirty-third year of the reign of King GEORGE the Third, inti-
33 G. 3. c. 40. tuled, " An Act to prevent the excessive Price of Coals in the City of " Dublin, and for encouraging the storing thereof;" and the said several hereinbefore recited Acts and parts of Acts, and all Acts and parts of Acts continuing, reviving or perpetuating the same, so far as relates to such continuation, revival or perpetuation, are hereby repealed accordingly; save and except so far as the said Acts or parts of Acts respectively, or any of them, may repeal the whole or any part of any other Act or Acts; and save and except as to Offences committed and Punishments awarded, and other matters and things done and performed under the authority of the said Acts or any of them, at any time before the *commencement of this Act*, which shall be dealt with, considered and punished as if this Act had not passed.

Recited Acts Repealed.

Proviso.

A Board shall be placed on Coal Vessels, describing Coals;

And be it further Enacted, That on a conspicuous place of every Ship, Lighter or Vessel, in which Coals shall be publicly offered for sale in any Port, Harbour or River in Ireland, there shall be affixed a Board or Label, on which there shall be legibly painted, printed or written, the reputed Name or commonly received denomination or description of such Coals, and the Port or Place from which such Coals have been brought, and the Price at which such Coals are offered for sale; and in default of such Board or Label being affixed pursuant to the provision hereinbefore made, or if the Name, denomination or description of such Coals, or the Place or Port whence the same may have been brought, shall be falsely stated in any such Board or Label, then and in every such case the Master or Owner of such Ship, Lighter or Vessel

Penalty for Omission.

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Vessel shall, for every instance of Coals sold in contravention of this Act, whether upoo the same or different days, upon conviction thereof upon oath before any Justice of the Peace of the couoty, city or place wherein such Offence shall be committed, forfeit and pay the sum of *Five Pounds*, to be given to the Houses of Industry in Dublin or Cork, if the Offence be tberein committed, or to the Infirmary or Hospital of the same county, county of a city or county of a town in which such Offence shall be committed, io case the same be committed elsewhere than in the two said Cities; and tbat in case any Fine or Penalty be not paid immediately oo conviction, it sball be lawful for the Justice of the Peace before whom such Conviction shall have been made, to commit tbe Offender to Goal, tbere to remain without Bail or Mainprize for aoy time not exceeding *Two Months*, nor less than *Fifteen Days*, or until the Fine be paid.

Offences under this Act committed within Five Miles, deemed to be within adjoining County.

And be it Enacted, That for the purposes of this Act, any Offence committed in violatioo thereof in any Harbour, Port or River, or within *Five Miles* thereof, shall be deemed and considered as committed witbin any County, County of a City or County of a Town, containing or contiguous to sucb Harbour, Port or River.

This Act not to abolish any right of appointing or licensing Meters or Carmen, or fixing Wages and Rates. See 6 G. 4. c. 107. s. 111. also 1 G. 3. c. 10. s. 6. Meters; and 33 G. 3. c. 40. s. 12. Carmen.

And be it further Enacted, Tbat oothing herein contained shall extend to repeal, or in any way alter or affect any power, authority or duty of licensing or appointing Meters, Porters or Carmen, for the carriage, weighing or measurement of Coals, or of fixing the Wages and regulating the conduct of tbe same, possessed or created by or under any of tbe said recited Acts or by or uoder any Law or Charter, by any Corporate or other Body or any Person or Persons, at or previous to the *commencement of this Act*.

The Employment of licensed Meters, &c. to be optional.

Provided always, and be it further Enacted, That no Porter, Carmao, Meter, or Weighmaster or other Person, bowsoever licensed or appointed, shall, under any pretext whatever, interfere in or meddle with the Sale, Measurement, Weighing, Delivery or Storage of Coals, save upon tbe request and by desire of the Buyer or Seller thereof; and that it shall and may be lawful to employ for the weighing, measuring, loading, or carriage of Coals, any other Person or Persons whatever, and to make with such other Person or Persons any private or special Agreement for his or their Wages or Hire, any law, statute or usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

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